FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

The Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate

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(formerly Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community)

1973 will be remembered as the year that brought to light "White House Horrors" and open political compromise of the American Intelligence Community and Criminal Justice System. It was also the beginning year of the first organized effort to focus public effort to restrain further development of technofascism - the societal form described by George Orwell in his prophetic novel 1984.

In February 1973, three people in Washington, D.C. began to implement their ideas of a Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community (CARIC). Simultaneously, a New York based organization, the Fifth Estate, began cross country travel to organize a communications network among individuals concerned with the role of the Intelligence Community in a democratic society.

In January 1974, CARIC and the Fifth Estate formed an umbrella organization to further the common goals of both groups. The new organization, The Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, was created to develop ideas and programs to create a Fifth Estate of campus and community based research/action groups decentralized but united to investigate United States Intelligence and secret government operations and to resist technofascism.

We will do this through research, educational activities, litigation and campaigns to focus the effort of the American Public. Our philosophy is as follows:

STOP THE SPYING

Only a full and undisguised look into the hidden world of secret government operations can displace unwarranted fears of reaction by Big Brother and guide the public effort to end illegal and unjustified spying.

END CLANDESTINE INTERVENTION

History shows that clandestine intervention by our government into the sovereign affairs of other countries has only created an image for us as "Ugly Americans" and has not improved our national security. Before the foreign clandestine operations of the CIA and other agencies involve us in another national catastrophy, such as the Bay of Pigs or the Indochina War, these operations must be exposed, restrained, terminated and prevented from reoccurring in the future.

END DOMESTIC REPRESSION

History also demonstrates that our government's foreign policies and practices often come home to become domestic policies and practices. Individuals and agencies long accustomed to clandestine espionage on a global scale will implement similar activities here at home if the political atmosphere allows them to do so. The repressive activities of the intelligence community must be fully exposed and terminated by the American people.

END EXCESSIVE SECRECY

Foreign and domestic espionage operates in a world of secrecy. This atmosphere of government secrecy is what will surely usher in

technofascism. An atmosphere of government openness and citizen access must be created in America if we are to maintain our status as free citizens in a democratic society.

END TECHNOLOGICAL HEGEMONY

There must be greater citizen's access to advanced technology if that technology is to be used for the benefit of all humanity instead of being used to rain destruction on smaller nations and to fill dossiers on our families, friends, and neighbors.

CARIC ACTIVITIES - CALENDAR YEAR 1973

The first year for CARIC was a year of experimentation to develop the analysis and organizing vehicles necessary to accomplish the goal of preventing the further development of technofascism. CARIC first came to public attention in March, 1973, when CARIC members turned over the results of an independent investigation of the connections between the George Washington University College Republicans and the Committee to Re-Elect the President's spy network.

CARIC's investigation showed that Ted Brill, the President of the GWU College Republicans, had been a paid agent of CREEP under the direction of CREEP's Youth Director Kenneth Rietz. Brill was assigned to spy on the pacifist vigil outside the White House and once attempted to arrange the arrest of the other participants on drug charges.

As a result of CARIC's work, Mr. Brill was exposed in a front page story of the March 10, 1973 Washington Post. Since Mr. Brill's salary was never reported by CREEP officials, the Special Grand Jury has been presented with evidence that could lead to further indictments of CREEP officers.

In April 1973, CARIC consulted with the British corporation, Granada Television, Inc., on the production of two films, one on Watergate and the other on the status of political prisoners in South Vietnam. Both were broadcast on World In Action, the most widely viewed documentary news program in the United Kingdom. The program on political prisoners, A Question of Torture, has now been released as a film and is available from the Intelligence Documentation Center.

President Nixon nominated William Egan Colby to serve as Director of Central Intelligence in mid-May, 1973. CARIC responded to Colby's nomination by preparing a Fact Sheet on Colby and publicly denounced him as "the most henious architect of mass murder since Adolph Eichman" for his (Colby's) role in the Phoenix assassination program in South Vietnam.

When Colby's nomination came before the Senate Armed Forces Committee, CARIC convinced the Armed Services Committee to hear opposition witnesses. The hearings, unprecedented for such an official, heard seven opposition witnesses, including Bart Osborn and David Harrington on behalf of CARIC.

In October, 1973, CARIC's investigations of the District of Columbia police resulted in the uncovering of a female agent provocateur named Ann Kolego. Ms. Kolego used the cover of "Crazy Anne" to infiltrate both D.C. and national anti-war organizations between 1970 and 1973.

The exposing of Ms. Kolego preceeded the voluntary uncovering of Mr. Robert Merrit, another informant for the FBI and District of Columbia Police Department. Within eight days of the Kolego uncovering, D.C. police Captain George Sutter, acting director of the Intelligence Division, told the Washington Post that his entire intelligence gathering network had been paralyzed by the incidents.

Throughout the summer and fall of 1973, CARIC worked with Jim Dubro and Bill McAdams of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on a documentary special entitled The Fifth Estate. The film was shown by the Canadian

Broadcasting Corporation on January 9, 1974. The film immediately sparked a debate in Canadian Parliament on the role of the U.S. Intelligence Community in Canada and for its revelation of secret Canadian Intelligence operations and organizations.

While the work concerning Ted Brill, William Colby, and Ann Kolego were highlights of CARIC's year, most time was spent on the routine tasks of compiling files for a data base, liaison with individuals and organizations and discussions on future directions and activities. During the year CARIC consulted with all the major television networks as well as journalists from major newspapers and wire services, such as the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Washington Post, Washington Star-News, New York Times, and United Press International. Our effort resulted in several magazine articles on intelligence in publications such as The New Republic. CARIC also produced information and analysis which were distributed by major radio networks and the alternative press.

During the year CARIC also provided litigation assistance to cases we believed to be in accordance with our goals and philosophy. Memorandums on the FBI intelligence programs, analysis of domestic intelligence operations, and background investigations of informants were prepared for several political cases. Among these cases were U.S. vs Briggs et. al. (The Gainesville Eight), Socialist Workers Party et. al. vs the Attorney General et. al., Higgs et. al. vs Colby et. al., and U.S. vs Armstrong.

During the year CARIC also published three issues of a bulletin (COUNTER-SPY) and seven issues of a newsletter (INTELLIGENCE REPORT). These publications examined such issues as the FBI's use of right-wing paramilitary groups in Southern California, the CIA assassination program in South Vietnam, the American Intelligence Community's private war with Nordom Sihanouk, the U.S. involvement in the Chilean coup, and the efforts by the FBI to neutralize the New Left in this country.

For CARIC, 1973 has been a year of experimentation which produced the analysis and organizing vehicles necessary to further the accomplishment of our goals.

INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENTATION CENTER - CALENDAR YEAR 1973

The Intelligence Documentation Center was established to provide a research center and library on American intelligence. Information held in the IDC is available to journalists, researchers, scholars, and any concerned citizen investigating American intelligence.

The IDC is currently located in Room 523A of the Dupont Circle Building in Washington, D.C.. One full-time staff person supervises a team of volunteers who continually collect, catalog and store information on intelligence. The majority of the information in the IDC's files is from government publications, national and international news services, past investigative efforts, and first hand interviews with former intelligence workers.

Aside from answering queries from journalists and researchers, the IDC has been called upon to provide information to members and committees of Congress. While the IDC does not support or lobby for specific legislation, its staff does assist Congressional aides and elected representatives with information upon request.

Starting with no books or records in February 1973, the IDC has now eclipsed the Library of Congress's section on Intelligence. The IDC now contains over 400 volumes of material and over 500 active files.

THE FIFTH ESTATE - CALENDAR YEAR 1973

The primary activity of the Fifth Estate in calendar year 1973 was to send author Norman Mailer on a speaking tour of the nation's campuses. During this tour the Fifth Estate made contact with approximately 150 student organizers interested in developing the Fifth Estate. The following is excerpted from a news letter sent by the Fifth Estate to those contacts.

"In the course of twenty lectures at different colleges and universities in the month of October, I began to talk seriously about the Fifth Estate at perhaps the last ten schools. If you attended these lectures, remember, I tried to emphasize the difficulties, and did my best to put down any interest which would be superficial since I felt the very notion of a Fifth Estate had sinister extensions. To attempt to proselytize too quickly, to build a campus movement without proper preparation, to whip up a quick interest which one could not fulfill because of lack of organizational ground, all seemed to me good and sufficient reasons to point out the difficulties rather than the advantages of a Fifth Estate.

I confess I was also curious to see what kind of response there would be if it was presented against the grain, presented against all the criticism offered by all of you and myself as well. The returns were interesting. About 150 people wanted to receive the newsletter, which is an average of 15 people to a campus, not bad. Particularly, if these

15 people on each campus represent what I have in mind, which is a cadre ready to develop skills and not altogether isolated from that most difficult of modern notions, a sense of fealty to a group engaged in politically unique activity whose demands eventually could be far-reaching. You will also remember that my notion of a Fifth Estate was that it should be <u>various</u>. I thought it ought to have groups and cadres of all sorts, take on different coloration at each campus, each of the campus cadres in fact to be autonomous, accepting guidance if they desired it from a parent or umbrella organization, and yet still capable of functioning on their own. It seemed to me that if the idea worked we might be able to call eventually upon skills so varied as high technological competence with computers, able even to track down some of the more hidden if massive economic movements of the last twenty years through student and faculty economists in order to determine whether the Invisible Government, for example, is working in massive ways on its own clandestine funds. This of course is just one example of a highly developed technological activity we might eventually be able to set up as a campus project.

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But I foresee other types of action altogether different, including campus groups of CIA scenario interpreters, a modern society, if you will, of Baker Street irregulars who might hardly do much more than sit around and discuss some of the various theories and possible crimes of our recent history and the relation of the Invisible Government to these capers.

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What I was looking for was an idea sufficiently wide to attract every kind of talent on campus which was concerned with these questions, and yet be a movement which was good enough, and incisive enough to keep and develop one's loyalties.

When the tour was over, I felt the idea had life and would work. I felt a political vacuum was there to be filled. I also felt there was one near-to-insuperable problem. Between the conception of such a movement and that point where it might begin to function purposefully after a year or two of development, there seemed nothing at the center but myself, and I knew that that could not work well since I was obliged on the one hand to earn a living and could not begin to give real and full time to such a project, and on the other hand had the gravest questions about my own talents as an organizer. If we think of the idea as a ship, we can continue this newly minted metaphor by saying that if we were ready to sail, we were nonetheless beached on the unmitigable rock of my own special local incompetence in organizational matters.

The exciting news I promised therefore is that I think a few of us have discovered a way to get around this difficulty. There's been an organization in the field for the last two years called CARIC. (The Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community.) I met with the three organizers of CARIC, Winslow Peck, Bart Osborn and Tim Butz, while spending time this summer in Washington on Watergate,

had conversations with them, and further conversations in late November during the Georgetown Seminar of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, and now thought on the basis of studying their literature and their possibilities that the time had come to pool our resources. This was also agreeable to CARIC, and the unification of forces has begun.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Norman Mailer announced today that his New York group, The Fifth Estate, was uniting with the Washington, D.C. based Committee for Action/ Research on the Intelligence Community (CARIC). The alliance of CARIC and the Fifth Estate will be called the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, and will develop ideas and programs for a citizen's based Fifth Estate of regional and local, campus and community groups which will seek to prevent that vision of George Orwell in his prophetic novel 1984 from becoming the social and political reality of America.

The Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, a non-profit, non-partisan endeavor will sponsor two resource groups in Washington, D.C. to serve the development of the Fifth Estate.

The Intelligence Documentation Center is a library of information on U.S. Intelligence and secret government operations available to journalists, researchers, scholars, and concerned citizens.

The Counter-Spy Campaign is preparing an organizing manual and other materials to focus on a public effort to combat technofascism -- the societal form described by Orwell.

"Big Brother may be watching us, but now the Fifth Estate will be watching Big Brother", said Mr. Tim Butz, one of the three full-time coordinators of the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate.

Citizens wishing more information may contact the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, P.O. Box 647, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044."

PROSPECTUS FOR 1974

In-From-The-Cold Hearings

The In-From-The-Cold Hearings are tentatively scheduled for early Fall 1974, shortly after Congress reconvenes. The hearings had been scheduled earlier for 1973 by CARIC, but financial limitations precluded staff from traveling to investigate the testimony of prospective witnesses. Approximately thirty individuals have been cleared for testifying at the hearings. Currently two days of testimony are planned, but it is possible that a third day will be added to the scanario as time passes.

The In-From-The-Cold Hearings will be an educational project of the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate. The hearings will focus on American intervention abroad, domestic repression in this country and the effects of secrecy on the individual's personality and lifestyle. Testimony from former intelligence workers, scholars, and those who have been victimized by secret operations will be featured. For more information contact Mr. Tim Butz, In-From-The-Cold Hearings coordinator.

Intelligence Documentation Center

The IDC hopes to receive enough funding in 1974 to hire a full-time library scientist to facilitiate growth of the IDC. In addition to refining existing storage and retrieval methods, the new staff person would cross-train other IDC staff in library science.

The IDC is an established institution among members of the Washington Press Corps. With the unification of CARIC with the Fifth Estate, the IDC has become an independent organization sponsored by the Organizing Committee.

Although independent the IDC will serve as a national information source for the developing Fifth Estate. We are incorporating the IDC as a library and are seeking 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. This status should help us to raise the funds necessary in 1974 for the growth of the IDC. The projected growth of information in the IDC by the end of 1974 is at least 150% of current material. For further information contact Mr. Bart Osborn, Director.

Counter-Spy Campaign

The Counter-Spy Campaign was established as a separate organization sponsored by the Organizing Committee to facilitate the development of the Fifth Estate. The Counter-Spy Campaign located in the Dupont Circle Building, utilizes the facilities of the Intelligence Documentation Center, located next door, to prepare educational materials, analysis and organizational tools.

One staff member of the Counter-Spy Campaign coordinates an Internal Security Watch Group of concerned citizens monitoring and analyzing the domestic programs of the intelligence community and the criminal justice agencies. In the past year the ISWG has formulated the action strategies of the CARIC's projects on internal security.

Another full-time staff member coordinates the Intervention Watch Group, composed of concerned citizens examining the intervention policies of our government. The IWG has coordinated the activities of CARIC opposed to clandestine intervention.

Due to lack of funding we have been unable to initiate organizing a Secrecy Watch Group or Technology Watch Group but we hope to do so later in calendar year 1974.

During calendar year 1974, the emphasis of the Organizing Committee and of the Counter-Spy Campaign will be on structure-building rather than personal research or direct action. As a result the Counter-Spy Campaign will not be responding to crises and events to the same degree as CARIC did in 1973. Our Watch Groups will continue to function but with less emphasis and time spent on specific projects. The projects of these Watch Groups will be re-energized later in the year as additional funding is secured.

The Counter-Spy Campaign is producing organizing tools for the developing Fifth Estate. An organizing manual is in production and will be published by Summer. The manual will provide the basic information for the establishment of local organizations within the Fifth Estate to study and work on terminating experiments with technofascism in their areas of the country. The manual will cover organizing techniques for both campus and community based organizations; research methodologies and action strategies to accomplish the goal of the Fifth Estate.

The Counter-Spy Campaign will also continue to develop the multimedia project began by CARIC. Currently a display on pacification in Vietnam and the Phoenix program is available for display by campus and civic groups. A slide show presentation on the development of technofascism will be available late in the Summer of 1974.

The Counter-Spy Campaign also recognizes the need for a journal of research, analysis and opinion on government operations similar to CARIC's Counter-Spy. This publication is temporarily discontinued until additional funding is secured. This will allow more time for the staff of the Counter-Spy Campaign and the Organizing Committee to complete the 1974 goal of structure building. Those who subscribed to CARIC publications will continue to receive all publications of the Counter-Spy Campaign.

With the addition of new staff in April 1974, the Counter-Spy Campaign will begin publishing a monthly four-page, tabloid size, free, mass-distributed newspaper called INTELLIGENCE REPORT to serve as the nationwide mass organ of the Fifth Estate. The first three pages of the INTELLIGENCE REPORT will cover national and international news and will be prepared by the staff of the Counter-Spy Campaign. The fourth page will be reserved for use by local groups of the Fifth Estate. The Counter-Spy Campaign will mail gallies of the first three pages to local organizers who will be encouraged to publish and distribute the INTELLIGENCE REPORT locally. The INTELLIGENCE REPORT can be used by them to organize their local group in the Fifth Estate. As more funding is secured by the Counter-Spy Campaign we will expand production of the local Washington, D.C. issue of INTELLIGENCE REPORT for use in organizing the Fifth Estate on the D.C. campuses in the 1974-75 school year.

Later in 1974, the Counter-Spy Campaign will initate writing of the Whole Spy Catalog, if funding is secured. This will serve as a research tool and citizen's access guide to secret government operations.

Along with the organizing manual, The Whole Spy Catalog will be an essential working tool for the developing Fifth Estate. For more information contact Winslow Peck.

Advisory Board

Shortly after the unification of CARIC and the Fifth Estate and the establishment of the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, the organizing Committee began building an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is composed of major critics of government operations and individuals with particular knowledge of United States intelligence.

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The Advisory Board's role is to provide, when requested, guidance and advice on specific operations of the Fifth Estate. Advisor's donate their time and advice with compensation or renummeration.

Although the viewpoints of our advisors may be contradictory on specific topics, we believe these differences of opinion will only broaden the perspective of the developing Fifth Estate. All publications will carry the disclaimer that they do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints or opinions of advisors, sponsors, or associates.

For more information contact Mr. Winslow Peck.

Citizens for a Fifth Estate

Along with our advisors, many prominent national and local figures have expressed their sponsorship of our activities. Those persons who were either sponsors of CARIC or subscribers to CARIC publications may become Citizens for a Fifth Estate by contacting the Organizing Committee.

A partial listing of Citizens for a Fifth Estate as well as the developing Advisory Board will soon be reflected in the stationary of the Organizing Committee as well as future publications. Citizens for a Fifth Estate will receive copies of all publications of the Counter-Spy Campaign and the Organizing Committee.

Speakers Bureau

The Organizing Committee also maintains a Speakers Bureau of individuals available for speaking before campus, civic, church or community groups. These individuals are familiar with United States Intelligence, secret operations and/or the concept of the Fifth Estate. These people include members of the Organizing Committee and other former intelligence workers. We are happy to announce that Norman Mailer has joined our Speakers Bureau, donating his honoraria to the building of the Fifth Estate. For more information contact Mr. Winslow Peck.

Comments/Self-Criticism

The functions described in the 1973 Annual Report will continue and expand during the coming year due to our emphasis on structure building rather than personal research. The primary setback to operations in the past year has been our serious financial limitations. A long-term analysis of financing is now being formulated by the Organizing Committee. Our hope is to develop a plan for funding all our projects and adding additional staff as needed.

Again due to the financial limitations of 1973 we have over-extended ourselves in several directions. As a result you will notice in this

report not only reorganization for 1974 reflecting our new emphasis but also a restructuring of priorities especially in the area of publications. Most notably our journal will be appearing on an unscheduled basis. Our desire is eventually, with adequate funding and new staff, to produce this quarterly. We can not do so now.

1973 was a good year; a year that marked the beginning of an historically unprecedented effort to educate and focus the public's resistance to the development of technofascism in America.

1974 will not only be a year of growth and structure building for the Organizing Committee, the IDC and the Counter-Spy campaign but also for many other similar groups across the country. These groups taking the ideas presented in our soon-to-be published organizing manual and the other ideas we will produce will begin to build their local organizations.

It is this development of a network of research and action organizations which will be the Fifth Estate. We do not believe that this development will be easy for those already engaged in this development or those who will come along later. It will take great effort to fulfill our goals. But the interest shown in the work of CARIC and the Fifth Estate convinces us that we will succeed.

STATUS REPORT: 1973 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR

THE COMMITTEE FOR ACTION/RESEARCH ON THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Now The ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A FIFTH ESTATE

Income for 1973 Calendar Year

Grants	$7,000.00
Income from part-time employment	4,500.00
Subscriptions/Sponsorship	1,124.00
Loans	1,500.00
Bookstore sales of Counter-Spy	120.00
TOTAL INCOME	$14,244.00

Expenses for 1973 Calendar Year

Administrative costs:		
Payroll	$ 8,524.98	
Office rent	1,328.00	
Furniture and supplies	1,068.30	
Miscellaneous expenses	421.85	
SUBTOTAL		$11,343.13
Program development		1,088.80
Public relations (brochures, etc.)		300.00
Intelligence Documentation Center (resource acquisition)		302.08
Publications		
Counter-Spy printing	$601.40	
Intelligence Report printing	301.09	
Counter-Spy postage	124.60	
Intelligence Report postage	103.10	
SUBTOTAL		$ 1,130.19
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$14,164.20

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A FIFTH ESTATE

Timothy Butz. 26, served with Air Force reconnaissance units in Vietnam and Germany. He attended Kent State University in 1969-1970, leaving Kent State to work full time for Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He is the former Project Manager of Project Air War (Indochina Resource Center) and has testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the effects of Indochina bombing.

K. Barton Osborn. 29, served for three years with U.S. Army Military Intelligence, and later as a consultant to Agent Motivation Problems for the Central Intelligence Agency's Phoenix Program. He is a graduate of the American University School of International Service and has testified before the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information and the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Winslow Peck. 27, after joining the Air Force in 1966 served for nearly four years as an analyst for the National Security Agency in Europe, the Middle East and South East Asia. After separation, he joined the anti-war movement working in various capacities of research, logistics, negotiation and planning for local and national anti-war activities. He has written and contributed to several major articles on United States Intelligence.

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Dear Friends,

We are sorry that you have not received any information from us in the last several months. After reading the enclosed Annual Report, we hope that you will realize the scope of our struggle and will not be disappointed in our work.

We have temporarily suspended our publications until we secure the additional funding and staff. We found ourselves unable to continue with all our activities without significant changes in our emphasis. Our goal has always been to prevent the vision of George Orwell from becoming a reality in America and our publications were only one part of that effort. They will be resumed as soon as possible.

Our emphasis for the next period will be on structure building rather than our own research. We discovered that one organization in the Nation's Capitol can not begin to realize our goal. We need many different alternative intelligence organizations working in concert to change the present trend in our country --a trend towards technofascism. Our emphasis for the next period will be on building these other organizations.

To that end, we have united with a New York organization called The Fifth Estate. We are no longer The Committee for Action/Research on the Intelligence Community but rather The Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate. We hope that you will read our Annual Report with the understanding that you are an important part of our effort. Without your interest, support, and advice we could not grow.

The Annual Report covers our past activities and problems as well as our current situation and our hopes for the future of the Fifth Estate. We welcome your continued support for our effort.

You will receive copies of all publications of the Fifth Estate. We hope that you will use these materials to educate your friends, relatives, and neighbors, and that in some way you will become involved in building a Fifth Estate of individuals and organizations that will keep watch over "Big Brother".

Thank you very much for your support. We only hope that we can continue to serve your best interests and prevent the further development of technofascism. Together we can change this country to the point where we will be proud to be Americans.

FOR THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A FIFTH ESTATE,

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